

**ABSTRACT****INHIBITOR OF APOPTOSIS PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS  
AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING THEM**

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The invention provides polypeptides comprising inhibitor of apoptosis protein (IAP) family members, such as BmIAP initially derived from *Bombyx mori* BmN cells, and nucleic acids encoding them, and methods for making and using these compositions, including their use for inhibiting apoptosis.

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